

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 187

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

January 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 14094.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to children's services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 187, as introduced, Bonta. Medi-Cal: managed care: California Children's Services program.

The California Children's Services Program (CCS program) is a statewide program providing medically necessary services required by physically handicapped children whose parents are unable to pay for those services. The State Department of Health Care Services administers the CCS program. Counties, based on population size, are also charged with administering the program, either independently or jointly, with the department. The services covered by the CCS program include expert diagnosis, medical treatment, surgical treatment, hospital care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, special treatment, materials, and the supply of appliances and their upkeep, maintenance, and transportation. Funding for the program comes from county, state, and federal sources. In order to be eligible for the CCS program, an applicant must be under 21 years of age, have or be suspected of having a condition covered by the program, and meet certain financial eligibility standards established by the department.

Existing law prohibits services covered by the CCS program from being incorporated into a Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into after August 1, 1994, until January 1, 2016, except with respect to

contracts entered into for county organized health systems in specified counties.

The bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the CCS managed care contract provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14094.3 of the Welfare and Institutions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 14094.3. (a) Notwithstanding this article or Section 14093.05
4 or 14094.1, CCS covered services shall not be incorporated into
5 any Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into after August 1,
6 1994, pursuant to Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 14087.3),
7 Article 2.8 (commencing with Section 14087.5), Article 2.9
8 (commencing with Section 14088), Article 2.91 (commencing
9 with Section 14089), Article 2.95 (commencing with Section
10 14092); or either ~~Article 2~~ Article 1 (commencing with Section
11 14200), or Article 7 (commencing with Section 14490) of Chapter
12 8, until January 1, 2016, except for contracts entered into for county
13 organized health systems or Regional Health Authority in the
14 Counties of San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Solano, Yolo, Marin, and
15 Napa.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
17 providers serving children under the CCS program who are enrolled
18 with a Medi-Cal managed care contractor but who are not enrolled
19 in a pilot project pursuant to subdivision (c) shall continue to
20 submit billing for CCS covered services on a fee-for-service basis
21 until CCS covered services are incorporated into the Medi-Cal
22 managed care contracts described in subdivision (a).

23 (c) (1) The department may authorize a pilot project in Solano
24 County in which reimbursement for conditions eligible under the
25 CCS program may be reimbursed on a capitated basis pursuant to
26 Section 14093.05, and provided all CCS program’s guidelines,
27 standards, and regulations are adhered to, and CCS program’s case
28 management is utilized.

29 (2) During the time period described in subdivision (a), the
30 department may approve, implement, and evaluate limited pilot
31 projects under the CCS program to test alternative managed care

1 models tailored to the special health care needs of children under
2 the CCS program. The pilot projects may include, but need not be
3 limited to, coverage of different geographic areas, focusing on
4 certain subpopulations, and the employment of different payment
5 and incentive models. Pilot project proposals from CCS
6 program-approved providers shall be given preference. All pilot
7 projects shall utilize CCS program-approved standards and
8 providers pursuant to Section 14094.1.

9 (d) For purposes of this section, CCS covered services include
10 all program benefits administered by the program specified in
11 Section 123840 of the Health and Safety Code regardless of the
12 funding source.

13 (e) ~~Nothing in this section shall~~ *This section shall not* be
14 construed to exclude or restrict CCS eligible children from
15 enrollment with a managed care contractor, or from receiving from
16 the managed care contractor with which they are enrolled primary
17 and other health care unrelated to the treatment of the CCS eligible
18 condition.